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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/500,991; Filed: February 15, 2000
For: **Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for
Identifying Same**
Inventors: Uhlmann *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.2040000/EKS/Y-W

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Second Preliminary Amendment;
4. Third Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing;
5. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO-1440, with one (1) cited reference;

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7. SKGF Check No. 34339 for \$1,960.00 for a five (5) month extension of time fee;
and
8. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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